



PATENT APPLICATION

THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
	:	Examiner: Sean M. Reilly
TOSHIAKI IGARASHI, et al.	)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 2153
Application No.: 09/017,295	)	
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Filed: February 2, 1998	)	
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For: NETWORK DATABASE	)	
CONTROL DEVICE AND	:	
METHOD THEREOF	)	June 27, 2007

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to further examination of the above-identified application, for which a Request for Continued Examination is being filed concurrently herewith, and in response to the final Office Action dated July 28, 2006, in connection with which a timely Notice of Appeal has been filed, the period for response to which having been extended to July 8, 2007 by the accompanying Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows: